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Dundonald Is in Victoria

Commander-in-Chief of Canadian Militia Forces, Back From Northern Trip.

Has Been on Tour of Inspection Of Various points Up The North.

Outline of Some of the Notable Events in a Brilliant Career.

D. G. S. Quadra, in charge of Capt. C. Hackett, has returned from northern British Columbia ports with Lord Dundonald, commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia forces, and his staff, including Colonel Denny, Colonel Evans and Colonel Holmes, D. O. C. in British Columbia. The military experts visited many points on the northern coast, including Port Simpson, Kitimaat, points in Work canal and other places suggested as termini for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The trip, it is said, being one of examination with respect to the situation of the proposed terminus for the new trans-Canada railway from a military point of view. As will be remembered, recent reports from Washington, D. C., told of the consideration of proposals for the fortification of Sitkan and Kamaglanut Islands, the two islands which were awarded to the United States in the recent Alaska boundary tribunal, to the disgust of Canadians. These islands were visited by the commander of the Canadian forces and staff, although no landing was made as the weather was stormy at the time of arrival. Wales and Pender Islands were also visited.

Lord Dundonald, the commander of the Canadian troops declined to make any statement in regard to his visit, and, until his report is made public by the Dominion government, his impressions may not be known. Other visitors to the islands in Portland canal—two of which were given to the United States and two to Canada—tell of the hopelessness of any attempt to fortify those islands given to the United States for the reason that both Sitkan and Kamaglanut Islands are both entirely dominated by Wales Island. This island rises fully 1,000 feet above the sea, and is awarded to the United States, and any fortifications built on those islands would be utterly untenable if fortifications were built on the higher island. Port Simpson was visited, and two days in the picture of the northern village—for it has not yet become more than a village. The government steamer Kestrel, which went north to seek for United States fishing vessels poaching in Canadian waters, was lying at Port Simpson. The party looked over the topography of Port Simpson and proceeded to Work canal, and thence to Portland canal. After visiting the islands in that canal, a trip was taken into Heate straits, and thence the Quadra went to Kitimaat, which is another suggested terminus for the Grand Trunk railway. The party landed at this point, at the head of Kitimaat Arm, and after looking over the lay of the land, again boarded the Quadra and proceeded to Victoria, the trip south being made in forty-five hours.

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The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Club took place yesterday afternoon. The following officers being elected: President, W. Edmond (re-elected), vice president, A. Manifold; secretary, J. W. Freeman (re-elected); treasurer, Thomas Brown (re-elected); board of management, James Hardy, R. Gillard, J. Hardy, H. L. Smith, J. W. Freeman, J. Parkin, R. Vipond, Thomas Aitken; dance committee, G. Jones, J. Aitken, P. Muyleart, H. E. Church, R. Vipond; finance committee, J. Parkin, H. Church, H. X. Freeman.

Cedar district played a game of basketball with Lady Smith on Saturday night, the match being one of the intermediate league series. The farmers defeated the ladies by 19 to 9.

The local poultry association met on Saturday evening and decided to hold the annual exhibition about the middle of January.

Mr. A. W. Jarvis & Co., whose smoke house was destroyed a week ago have already put up temporary premises and Nanaimo kippers and bloaters are again on the market.

The Total Abstinence Beneficiary Brotherhood was formed here some time ago, and is doing excellent work in a quiet way to check the drinking tendencies of certain young men by offering them an alternative to the saloon on payment. Last Saturday evening they gave another of their excellent concert which attracted a large audience. Another organization which has the same object is the Literary Club at the Baptist church. They also are well attended on Saturday evenings. The program included several musical numbers which were of a high order of merit.

BRUTAL GERMAN OFFICER.

One Thousand Charges Brought Against a Lieutenant at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—A thousand specifications of cruelty are laid against Lieut. Schillz, 98th Regiment of Infantry, whose trial began at Metz today.

DATE NOT SET.

Halifax Liberal Organ Speaks by the Book on Election Matters.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The Daily Echo, the Liberal evening paper, says it is in a position to say that no date has yet been set for the Dominion elections, but that an authoritative announcement may be expected within a week.

DOMINICAN AMUSEMENTS.

Report That Friends of Ex-President Have Started New Revolution.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The steamer San Juan reached here today from Porto Rico, but was Y. Gil, the San Juan fugitive president, was not on board. The passengers state that Y. Gil is in Porto Rico, and is on his way to Mayaguez. A new revolutionary movement, headed by friends of Gil, is said to have been started in the south of San Domingo. He may go to his country and take the lead of the new movement.

BROKERS SECURE VERDICT.

Sue Swindling Company Promoters and Get an Award.

New York, Dec. 14.—A verdict for \$12,182, the full amount claimed, with interest, was returned today in the suit of Finny, Darrell & Company, of Chicago, against Alfred R. Goslin, Robert A. Ammon, Eugene L. Packard and the other promoters of the New York Electric Brake & Coupler Company, being rendered against all the defendants except Ammon and Rockefeller Gray. This is the second of two suits.

Testimony from Sing Sing prison, where he was sentenced for being implicated in the Miller 520 per cent scheme. The plaintiffs, Chicago brokers, bought 200 shares of the company's stock on margin for a customer, who, it is alleged, was one of the swindlers, but the stock proving valueless, the brokers were out the ransom paid for the stock, less the \$2,000 margin.

JAPANESE LAND TROOPS.

Force Sent Ashore in Korea to Suppress Local Rioting.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The American state department has received the following cable from United States Minister Allen, dated Seoul, Korea, December 13th: "Japanese forces landed at Mokpo (port on the west coast of Korea), 15 miles south of Chempo) yesterday to protect Japanese subjects from rioters. This has no significance as the trouble is purely local."

ASPHYXIATED AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Annie Lynch, who roomed alone at No. 227 Victoria street, was asphyxiated by coal gas from a stove Saturday night. She had knocked the stove over.

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Many Boodlers May Escape

Missouri Court Holds That St. Louis Indictments Are Irregular.

Many Convicted Franchise Bribers May Now Secure Freedom.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Notification of a decision of the Missouri Supreme court, which brings into question the validity of hundreds of arrests and convictions made on information in St. Louis, and which, according to Circuit Attorney Folck, opens the doors of the penitentiary through writs of habeas corpus to many others, was received here today by Mr. Folck. The list of cases effected are most of the suburban franchise boodlers' convictions, and it is said that if the present charges should be found defective, it would be impossible to bring new indictments.

All of the cases are before the Supreme Court of Appeal, and the records show that each case was tried on information furnished by the circuit attorney on his official oath. The case of Chas. F. Kelly, former speaker of the House of Delegates, convicted of perjury, is among those affected in connection with the suburban franchise boodlers' deal. Mr. Folck has advised Judge McDonald, of the criminal division of the circuit court, of the decision, and proceedings were stopped in all cases concerned.

Nine cases were wiped off the docket and the witnesses were sent to the grand jury room, there to give information on which to base indictments to take the place of the invalid informations. The case against E. J. Arnold, charged with grand larceny, was one of those affected.

The Supreme court's decision in question is that reversing the case of the state against Wm. Bonner. The court holds that the information sworn to by the attorney's office must be sworn to by prosecuting witnesses in the case, and that circuit attorneys or prosecuting attorneys should swear to information from personal knowledge of the facts. For two years under a Supreme court decision, and under a constitutional amendment, prosecuting attorneys and district attorneys have been giving informations on their official oaths.

In St. Louis alone, it is stated, fully 2,000 cases have been tried on such informations.

MAYOR OF REGINA.
Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Ald. W. H. Laird was elected mayor of Regina today by four votes over Ald. Frank Bole.

PANAMA'S BURDEN.
Powers Insist That New Republic Assume Colombian Debt.
London, Dec. 15.—The correspondent of the Morning Leader writes that the says it is reported there that both Holland and Great Britain insist that the Republic of Panama shall assume liability for \$15,000,000 of the Colombian debt.

REPORT DENIED.
Rome, Dec. 14.—The report telegraphed from Bologna that the Dowager Queen, Margherita, during a recent journey to Norway, had contracted a morganatic marriage with an engineer thirty years old, is authoritatively denied. The engineer with whom the Queen mother is alleged to have been enamored is named Tenebrani. He is over 50 years old and is employed as caretaker of the numerous charitable institutions which are supported by the Queen.

THE TRANSVAAL WANTS CHINESE
Miners at Overflowing Meeting in Johannesburg Favor Importation.
Johannesburg, Dec. 14.—A mass meeting called here tonight for the purpose of urging upon the government the advisability of taking the necessary steps before introducing legislation providing for the introduction of unskilled labor into the Transvaal, was completely captured by the element favorable to the importation of Chinese. Special trains brought in thousands of miners from the east and west, and throughout the meeting cheered for the Chinese. The chairman was unable to put a motion for a referendum. An overflow meeting declared for the importation of Chinese.

CONGRESS WANTS TO KNOW.
Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Morgan today presented a concurrent resolution declaring that Congress has the right to be informed of any purchases to be made in Panama by the American government prior to making of such investment.

NO UNION MEN WANTED.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—The Inland Steel Company today announced that owing to its inability to work in peace with union men the company would have no further dealings with the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel and Tin Workers. No union men will be employed hereafter.

COLORADO DELEGATES FIGHT.
Police Called Into Washington Convention to Quell Disturbance.
Washington, Dec. 14.—The police were called into the National Suffrage League convention (colored) when Rev. R. J. Nelson, president of the Suffrage League of Pennsylvania, and Rev. J. W. Scott, of this city, sought possession of the floor. The delegates were in an uproar for half an hour. Two reasons for the dispute are alleged to be that the Scott faction favor the passage of a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's attitude toward the negro race and that Booker Washington desires to control the convention. A number of delegates object to Washington's recent utterance to the effect that disfranchisement in the south placed a premium on intelligence, wealth, character and thrift. The convention is said to have been called among things, to enforce the fifteenth amendment.

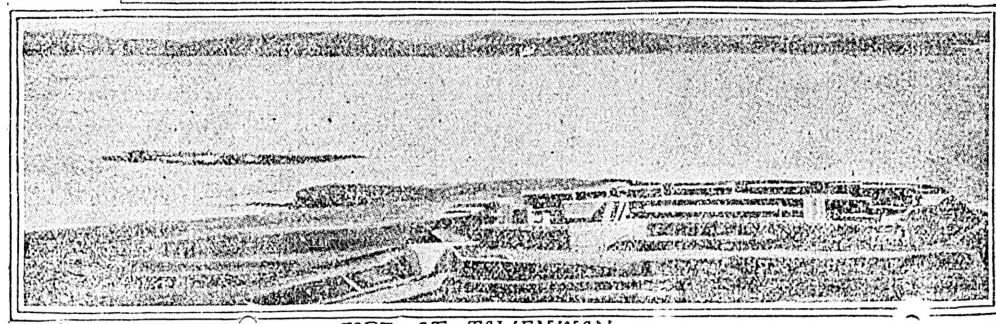
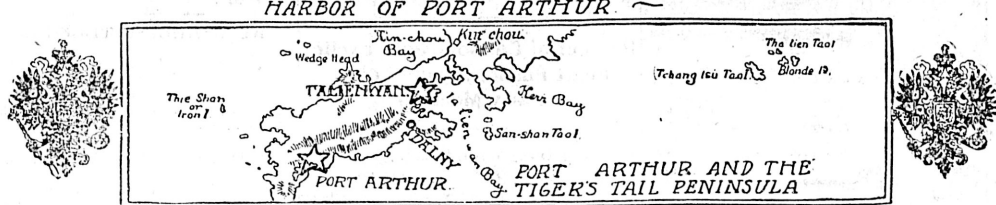
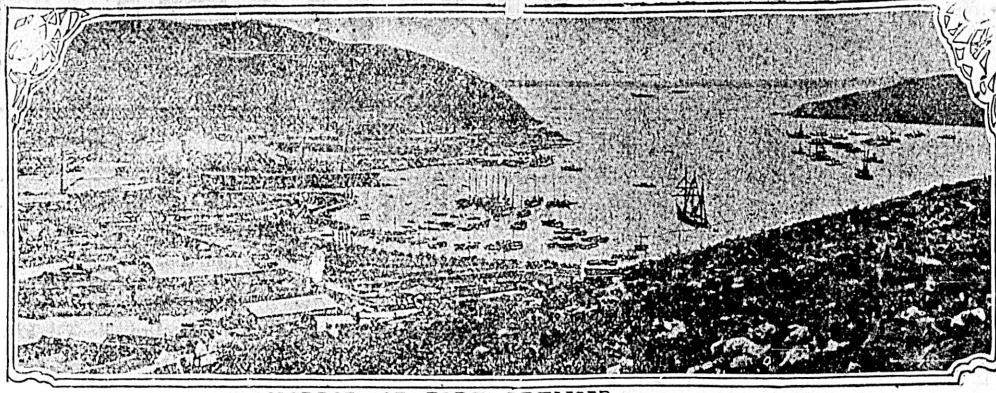
NEWFOUNDLAND WRECK.
Schooner Driven Ashore and Crew of Six Perishes.
St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 14.—During a fierce gale last night the schooner, "Sailor," was driven ashore at St. Mary's Bay, and the entire crew of six persons perished. This is the second disaster of the kind in the past two weeks, the last being the wreck off Fairhead Head of the Danish schooner "Sierd." On that occasion the coast folk were lowered down the face of the cliffs two hundred feet, with the object of recovering the bodies of the five members of the crew, and of giving them Christian burial.

WILL OPEN A BRANCH HERE
British America Trust Company to Establish Office in Victoria.
Grand Forks, Dec. 14.—The Granby Company has a number of engineers at work on a survey in connection with the projected enlargements of the plant for the installation of a separate and detached plant. The date of the commencement of construction has not yet been considered. The British America Trust Company of this city, will establish branches at Victoria and Vancouver about January 1st next. This step was decided upon at a meeting of the board of directors which includes A. C. Flumerfelt, president; Lloyd A. Manly, vice-president, and H. N. Galer, managing director. Thomas Corbin and R. C. Milne, both now employed in the Victoria office, will manage the Vancouver and Victoria branches respectively.

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THE MANCHURIAN QUESTION.



PORT AT TALIENWAN

HON. GEO. FOSTER AT MONTREAL

Addresses Packed Meeting on Fiscal Policy and Gets Rousing Reception.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who returned a few days ago from an active participation in Mr. Chamberlain's Imperial preferential trade campaign, delivered an address here tonight under the auspices of the St. John A. Macdonald Club on his observations while in England. A crowded hall greeted him with rousing applause.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte was in the front row on the platform, and in response to a demand, proposed a resolution supporting Mr. Chamberlain's Imperial preferential trade for the colonies. Mr. Foster outlined the result of the colonial conference at London last year, when the colonial premiers demanded of the British government to concur, and it was only right that the colonies should give him their entire support. Mr. Foster took occasion to say that if Mr. John Charlton, M. P., wished to continue his propaganda in favor of reciprocity, he should resign from the joint high commission.

LOUBET TO VISIT ROME.
French President Will Go to Eternal City Next April.

Rome, Dec. 14.—It is semi-officially announced that M. Loubet, president of the French Republic, will pay a visit to Italy, extending from April 6th to April 12th. Preparations on an extensive scale for the reception of the president are being planned. The programme of the festivities includes an official court reception with the capital a military review and a visit to Florence and Naples.

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Arranged For City Elections

Local Council Yesterday Evening Selected the Various Deputy Returning Officers.

An Appropriation Made For Cost of Certain Necessary Street Work.

The major portion of yesterday evening's session of the city council was devoted to arranging details of the approaching municipal elections. Ballot for deputy returning officers, which took up a lot of time, resulted in the selection of Wm. Dalby, who will preside over the mayoralty elections; George Mesher, who will act for North Ward in the aldermanic contest; T. G. Kayner, for Centre Ward; C. P. Ben, for South Ward. Beyond this little but routine business was transacted.

Mayor McCandless presided; and all the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Yates.

H. L. Salmon called attention to Salvation Army people and other street worshippers encamping in front of the premises, corner of Yates and Government streets.

Referred to the police commissioners. James Wolcott asked for extension of time to make sewerage connection on Fisguard street. Referred to the streets committee.

Ennahh Warren asked for a refund of amount paid on Vehicle Act. Referred to the city solicitor.

H. K. Sellick called attention to damage done on his residence through blasting on the main sewer. Ald. Grayhame asked that the matter be settled promptly. Referred to city engineer.

City Clerk Dowler wrote as follows: Gentlemen,—I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received, showing the last meeting of the City Council and referred to the City Engineer for report, viz:

Thos. Cox, calling attention to the condition of the box drain on the north side of Hillside avenue, in front of his premises.

J. L. Leitch asking that Turner street be put in a passable condition for vehicular traffic, between Work and David streets.

A. Brakes, asking for the continuation on the east side of Shakespeare street, farther northward.

Received and filed.

Deputy returning officers to serve at the approaching municipal elections were then chosen by ballot, as follows: C. Beaven, T. G. Kayner, H. Mesher, Wm. Dalby, Mr. Dalby is to serve for the mayoralty election.

James Wilson, sanitary inspector, reported having condemned as unsanitary the building recently occupied by Jameson, the dog fancier. Referred to the building inspector and health officer for report.

The building inspector furnished report of buildings inspected during the month.

A copy will be sent to the fire underwriters.

Residents of Gotham street petitioned for improvements once again. The street was in an actually dangerous condition.

On motion of Ald. Dinsdale the petition was referred to the engineer for report.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$825.60. Adopted.

The streets committee reported as follows: Gentlemen,—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the council:

Resolved that the city engineer be authorized to proceed with the matter of obtaining certificates of necessity for treating the lumber to be used in flooring Point Ellice bridge (said lumber to be treated with creosote or carbolineum at the bridge) and that he be authorized to do all things necessary for said treatment, and for securing delivery at the bridge of the necessary lumber, and wooden blocks for paying the bridge, from local sources.

Resolved that the sum of \$500 be voted for the purpose of doing such street work as may be, at the present time, most urgently required.

Resolved that a sidewalk be laid on the east side of Delta street to cost \$75.

The deputy returning officers were then placed, and the council went into committee of the whole on certain amendments to the sewer bylaw, which were passed, as follows:

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and to dig up and destroy the roots from the tree to the street line, and the expenses of so doing shall upon demand be paid by the owner to the city.

Section 10 of said bylaw 341, is further amended by adding thereto the following words:

"The city engineer may, upon satisfactory evidence that any plumber has persistently or wilfully violated, or has been convicted of an offence against the provisions of the said bylaw 341, or of this bylaw, or of the said municipal specification, in force for the time being, declare in writing under his hand and the license of the said plumber forfeited and after advertisement in a daily newspaper published in the city of Victoria, such license shall be deemed to be cancelled and revoked, and no new license shall be granted to such plumber without the written acquiescence of the said engineer."

This bylaw and the repeal of the said general specification hereby made, shall in no way prejudice or effect any penalty or claim or demand of the corporation existing by virtue of any breach of the said bylaw or general specification, and such repeal shall in no way defeat, disturb, invalidate or prejudicially affect any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the observance of the said bylaw or repealed general specification, existing or pending at the time of such repeal.

BANK CASHIER'S SUICIDE.
Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 14.—Harry Mainy, cashier of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Lynn Grove, Ia., shot and instantly killed himself today. It is understood that he lost heavily in speculation. The bank is a private institution and claims deposits of \$100,000. It is controlled by the First National Bank of Storm Lake, which ordered its doors closed.

UNPLEASANT OUTLOOK.
U. S. Steel Corporation Compelled to Reduce Wages of 150,000 Men.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement was made today by a leading official of the United States Steel Corporation that, beginning January 1st, 1904, about 90 per cent. of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reductions ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. This reduction will affect about 150,000 men. The remaining ten per cent. of the employees are working under a wage agreement. The finance committee of the corporation has, it is understood, under consideration the dismissal of high salaried employees in addition to those already discharged.

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REAL LEATHER GRIPS A table crowded with Leather Grip Bags with nickel fastenings. Regular values \$2.50 and \$3.50 each. TODAY \$1.75	SILVER NOVELTIES A table full of Silver Novelties, Buckles, Hat Pins, Watch Chains, etc. Regular values, 25c. to 50c. each. TODAY 15c	WRIST BAGS A table full of Leather Wrist Bags, Toilet Holdalls, Beaded Chatelaines, etc. Regular values \$2.00 to \$3.50. SPECIAL TODAY \$1.25

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Many Steamers
From the OrientAthenian Sailed Last Night—
Two Liners Due Inward Today
And One Outward.Chinese Commercial Company
Will Add to Its Steamers in
Pacific Trade.

Several liners will be in port today. The steamer Athenian of the C. P. R., sailed last night for the Orient with a heavy cargo, including big shipments of flour for Japanese ports. Today the delayed Portland and Asahi liner Indrapura is expected to reach port from Hongkong and ports, bringing 400 Chinese for this port. The steamer Akai Maru is also due, and the steamer Iyo Maru will sail from the Ocean for the Orient. The Chinese Commercial Company, says the rate war will be continued. The steamer Shikano Maru left Yokohama for this port on Saturday, with 140 tons of freight and 130 Chinese for this port. The China Commercial Co.—the Chinese line—is now reaching to the northern ports for business. President Ling Hock Fong, of the Chinese company, now at San Francisco, says the rate war will be continued in spite of the tactics of opponents. The president stated that his company has found its Pacific ocean enterprise a paying one, and is now figuring on increasing its steamer service between the Orient and Pacific coast ports. As regards the proposition to establish immediately a regular service to Portland, Ling Hock Fong continued the report given on several days ago by Local Manager Comfort to the effect that experimental visits of the company's vessels to the Northern port had proved successful, and that it is the intention to include the North hereafter in the traffic of the company.

It is this company that the Pacific Mail combine is trying to force from making San Francisco a port of call for its vessels on the return trip to the Orient. When over the new company has a vessel in port the Pacific Mail combine slashes rates on shipments to the Orient, which makes it unprofitable for that company's vessels to go to San Francisco.

While in the City of Mexico Fong arranged with the Mexican authorities for free entrance at the port of Manzanillo, and all the Chinese his company's steamers saw fit to bring from the Orient. It is quite probable, he says, that his steamers will from here on, be able to make regular trips every month for a number of years to come.

TYEE COMING.

Tug En Route to Seattle With Disabled Meteor.

According to advices received by the steamer Portland, the tug Tyee left Dutch Harbor with the Meteor November 22nd, and should arrive in Seattle in about two weeks from the present time. As the weather in the North is very bad at this season of the year, it is not unlikely that it takes the Tyee a little longer to make port.

The Meteor is a heavy tow, and as her engines are not making, the trip is sure to be a hard one. When the Meteor was disabled by losing her rudder, her deck cargo was jettisoned, and when she reached Dutch Harbor 1,000 tons of coal were taken from her hold, so that she is pretty light when she gets back to Seattle.

MARINE NOTES.

British ship *Palma* arrived from San Francisco on Sunday after a passage of ten days, and was yesterday towed to Port Blakely for land lumber.

SONS OF SCOTLAND.

Concert in Sir William Wallace Hall Last Evening.

Spieside Camp, Sons of Scotland, held a very successful concert in Sir William Wallace hall last night, there being a large attendance of members and friends.

Mr. Mowat discharged the duties of chairman in his usual happy manner. The proceedings were opened with a fine selection on the bagpipes by Mr. James McKenzie, which was much enjoyed by all present. This was followed by Mrs. Lewis Hall, "Flora MacDonald's Lament," which was given with great feeling and expression. Mr. Houston, in the recitation "Prince Charlie on the Anniversary of his death," made the audience to tears. Everybody, however, was soon put into a very different mood by Mr. Rieckay, whose reading of Dr. Drummond's "Mister Smi" was highly laughable and kept the audience in great merriment. Mr. J. G. Brown then sang as only he can sing, "John Grannie," which was encored. The Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., then gave an address on the aims of the association, which was well received. Mr. Kinnead favored with "Afton Water," accompanied by Mrs. Lewis Hall, a very enjoyable number. Mr. Houston's recitation, "The Outlaw," was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Barnes, who had captivated all with her pianoforte selections, Soloists were specially requested to repeat the piece, which she did with much grace.

Pandora Range

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If the hot air flues in a range are not properly constructed, much of the heat from the fire-box will be wasted up the chimney, and the oven will not bake uniformly.

Flues in the "Pandora" range have been given special attention, and are so constructed that all the heat travels around the oven twice and passes directly under all the pot holes before escaping up the chimney.

Result is the oven bakes uniformly at top, bottom and sides, and with very little fuel.

Every feature in the Pandora has been given the same careful attention as the flues and all combine to make a perfect working and economical range.

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CLARK & PEARSON, SOLE AGENTS.

The Decorated
Xmas WindowsArrival of the Festive Season
Sees Merchants Getting
Busy.Some Really Grand Displays Are
Being Made in Leading
Stores.

Once more the merry season of the years has rolled around, when the stern business man's brow relaxes from the wrinkles of many cares, and he feels that something must be done toward shedding the perennial halo over the childhood of his own. As he thinks of Santa Claus and the joys that come in the train of the good white gift-giver, he must perforce smile in anticipation of the early morning hubbub when the youngsters break the long night's silence examining their Christmas stockings.

And so, the good man keeps the corner of his eye on the windows gaily bedight as he passes to and from business, and he sports that trait of \$50 and that doll at \$10 and that Noah's ark (cheap at \$25) and he looks graver as he glances at that bracelet at \$150 and that ring at \$250, and that seal-skin alligator at \$250. But he has put through the year, and he is now to provide something for every one of the darlings, and he knows from past experience what a moment of ecstasy it is when wife and laundress crowd round him at breakfast to thank him for their Christmas thanks, to daddy.

It is, therefore, somewhat interesting, even for the Mr. Scrooge, who has no intention of spending one black penny on his jolly fellows along the streets of Victoria and behold the grand array set forth in tempting style under a blaze of lights. To enumerate in one issue all the fine displays made by the Colonist's advertisers would be a task of considerable magnitude, and a tax upon the space at disposal that could not be undertaken. The Colonist has, therefore, perforce to deal with in detail, the way Napoleon whipped his enemies. From day to day, then, the Colonist will devote a liberal portion of its space to the displays of the leading merchants, who are all advertisers. The following are the displays noted yesterday:

The Army and Navy.

Prominent among the holiday decorations are the windows of the Army and Navy Clothing Store, 117 Government street. The firm's sign is bordered round with the British ensigns floating above it, while both the large show windows are very unique and replete with all the very latest novelties in the most useful holiday apparel for gentlemen, one being devoted to coats of different shapes and shades and sizes; while the other one is devoted to neckwear, handkerchiefs, suspenders and ties, displayed to great advantage and taste. Mr. J. P. Smith, the window decorator at this popular store, deserves great credit for his taste in this instance.

WEILER BROS.

Western Canada's peerless furniture establishment is a good spot to start one's peregrinations along the streets of Victoria, for there are to be seen heaped in bewildering profusion articles which challenge the art-lover's eye and force even the hurrying passerby to pause and gaze. Any attempt to catalogue briefly all the beautiful, rare and costly things in Messrs. Weiler Bros' windows would inevitably lead to columns. Elegant furniture, dainty crockery and cut-glass, lovely draperies, ornaments of every imaginable kind, the best way to do about Weiler Bros' windows is to go along there and see for oneself.

It is said that there is nothing in Western Canada in the jewelry store line to compare with Messrs. Challoner & Mitchell's fine emporium on Government street. It is for a fact one of the best ways to do about Challoner & Mitchell is to go along there and see for oneself. For especially at this time of the year it is a veritable Aladdin's Cave of endless delights. The windows are filled with many rare specimens of the goldsmith's art, and the tastes of the Victorians, and as a consequence the company's fine store is filled to overflowing with Christmas nice things. The array of books is wonderful, and they range in price from a few cents to many dollars. Then, there are Christmas and New Year cards and souvenirs to no end, while of the nick-nacks, fancy stationery and everything that the literary and artistic taste upon there is enough to keep the best curious busy for hours. The Victoria Book and Stationery Company have a splendid display of the Christmas magazines and journals with all the colored supplements.

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THE WESTSIDE.

The Westside Store, especially at this time, presents a moving picture of pretty much all that is worth seeing in the world of dry goods. Nobody can resist joining the children in laughing at some of the comicalities which abound in the toy department of this popular store. The prices cause no end of excitement among the seasonable things, and pays homage to Santa Claus, by illuminating the walls with hundreds of electric lights and clothing the walls and ceilings with festive green in honor of this glorious Christmas time.

D. SPENCER'S

There is little need to draw the attention of Victorians or the visitors to Victoria to the windows of the big store on Government and Broad streets—they are too well-known already. But credit is certainly due to the window dressers who have done the work that makes the holiday crowds wonder and admire the variety and the beauty of the goods shown. Spencer's baffle description, and the prices cause no end of excitement amongst the fair sex. It is probably as fine a Christmas display as has ever adorned those spacious windows, and should lead to an enormous traffic. Even should it fall late at night through the heads of children, come and go through the great doorway on Government street, and all looking as happy as if they had done their Christmas duty or just about to do it.

New Dinner Sets, New Art Pottery, New Holiday Ware; new everything; not a lot of stuff unearthed especially to catch Xmas trade, but goods bright, clean and up to date, direct from the manufacturers, Weiler Bros.



Victor Brand
on every Tin.

Evaporated Cream

Has no equal for richness and purity—Keeps perfectly in any climate. The best for all household purposes.

Ask for **VICTOR BRAND**.

Manufactured by Charlottetown Condensed Milk Co., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Suspected Sorcerer
Was Near Death

Kitkatlah Indian Has Narrow Escape From Being Killed By Superstitious Natives.

Accused Him of Witchcraft on Finding a Unique Charm in His Boot.

Steamer Tees, Capt. Hughes, reached port on Sunday from the North. She brought a small complement of passengers, amongst whom was R. Cunningham, J. Irshing, J. Landry, P. McCabe, E. Wise, W. T. Oliver, W. Garham, G. H. Dawson, L. Ward, G. Fraser and W. Pinder. The steamer will sail again for the North tonight, and when she leaves she will carry the Christmas cheer to the settlements of the northern coast, for the vessel will be the Santa Claus steamer—the last to leave Victoria for Nans, Port Simpson and way ports prior to Christmas.

News was brought from Port Essington of an incident at Kitkatlah, a village on the northern coast not more than thirty miles from Port Simpson, the well-known Skeena river port, in which an Indian had a narrow escape from death at the hands of fellow tribesmen, who accused him of sorcery. Had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. Cunningham, the Indian agent, and a number of special constables hurriedly sworn in, the Indian, Daniel Watoboo, would have been killed.

It seems that Watoboo had placed a ball of fat tied up with hair and an Indian with two wives, in his boot, and other Indians, finding this, accused him of witchcraft. Watoboo claimed that this had been placed in the boot as a charm which he hoped would win for him the affections of an Indian woman, but, led by the tribal Shaman, or medicine man, who did not care to brook rivals in the sorcery business, the Indians proceeded to lay violent hands on Watoboo.

When the feeling started against the Indian, the members of the tribal council fostered the feeling, and finally Watoboo was arrested. He was placed in a shack on the ranch and refused food. For five days nothing but an occasional bit of pilot bread and some water was given him, and all the while members of the council came at intervals to ask him to confess. He refused, and the Indians became incensed. The council decided to kill him, but could not find a way to do so without a show of death. While some argued for drowning, others for hanging, relief came in the person of the Indian agent and a party of special constables.

Some Indians had taken a canoe to Port Essington and informed the Indian agent, who secured a party to aid him, and hurried to Kitkatlah. He arrived in time to save Watoboo from death, and the men who would have killed him were arrested. All were taken to Port Essington, where they were placed on trial before W. R. Irshing, sitting judge. After hearing the evidence he fined the accused Indians, their fines aggregating about \$50, and they were bound over to keep the peace. In the meantime the officers saw that the council was elected to take the place of this one.

AT ST. ANDREW'S.

Grand Concert to be Given Tonight at Presbyterian Church.

Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, has been very hard to ensure success for the concert which will be given in the church this evening. The programme contains some exceptionally interesting selections, not the least of which will be the opening number, the introduction and bridal chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin."

Wood! Wood! Wood!

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of friends I have decided to be a candidate for School Trustee at the coming Municipal Elections, and respectfully request your votes and assistance.

A meeting will be held in Labor Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing for the campaign. Those willing to assist in my election are cordially invited to be present.

WM. MCKAY.

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CHANGE OF TIME TABLE—IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 10th, 1903.

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By Daylight.

TO VANCOUVER & NEW WESTMINSTER DAILY TRAINS.

Leave Victoria 8:00 a.m.

Arrive Sidney 8:50 a.m.

Port Guelph 12:30 p.m.

Stoverdale 2:30 p.m.

New Westminster 4:00 p.m.

Vancouver 4:45 p.m.

LOCAL.

Leave Victoria 2:45 p.m.

Arrive Sidney 4:00 p.m.

Leave Sidney 9:30 a.m.

Arrive Victoria 11:00 p.m.

*Daily except Sundays.

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F. VAN SANT, Traffic Manager.

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Special—Carpenters' Tools at Cheap-
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FOOTGRAPHS.

A new display of Pictures is being
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Gardening Tools at Cheapside.

New Edition of B. C. Year Book, by
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A special vatting of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies.
Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being
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New Cantata.—The first general prac-
tice for the rendition of A. R. Gault's
"Joan of Arc" will be held in the Cen-
tenial Methodist church on Wednesday
evening next.

Lecture on Mineralogy.—Yesterday
evening under the auspices of the Metro-
politan Epworth League, W. F. Best de-
livered a very interesting lecture on min-
eralogy. The lecture was illustrated by
the use of lantern slides, colored fires
and chemical experiments.

Barbers' Social Dance.—Local 372 of
the International Barbers' Union, holds
a social reunion and dance in the A. O.
U. W. hall this evening. The City
Band orchestra will furnish music. Re-
freshments will be served and a pleasant
time is anticipated.

Another Candidate.—Ald. H. M.
Graham has definitely decided to again
be a candidate for North Ward at the
approaching municipal elections. Ald.
Graham has served at the council
board of three successive terms and
is confident of re-election by a good
majority.

Victoria College Reception.—Every
preparation has been made looking to
the success of the reception to be held
on Thursday evening next in Assembly
hall under the auspices of the faculty
of Victoria College. Many invitations
have been extended and a very inter-
esting programme will be rendered.

Tramway Earnings.—The gross earn-
ings of the British Columbia Electric
Railway company for October show
in a financial statement that the gross
earnings of the railway on the Victoria
division were \$10,872, against \$10,410
last year. The gross earnings in light-
ing were \$8,176. The aggregate gross
earnings from July 1st to October 31st
amounted to \$250,000, an increase of
\$41,082 over the total for this period
last year. The aggregate net earnings
from July 1st to October 31st were
\$84,325, an increase of \$22,210 over last
year.

B. C. in London.—In the November is-
sue of "Grocery," the well known month-
ly magazine devoted to the British gro-
cery trade and published in London, con-
tains an interesting illustrated article
on the British Columbia salmon fish-
eries. The cuts, which are numerous
and very fine examples of photo-engrav-
ing, are published by courtesy of the
Scott-Gordon company for British Colum-
bia. The article deals, in a short space, ex-
haustively with a very large subject.
It is believed that the publication of this
article in a magazine so widely circulated
and of such weight will do much good to
British Columbia's fisheries.

Discovered New Pass.—By the dis-
covery of a new pass in the Rocky
Mountains, the Mackenzie river country
has been brought 300 miles nearer Daw-
son. The pass was discovered by W.
N. Craigie, the well known explorer, who
arrived at Dawson from the other side
of the mountains a few days ago. The
old trail, which was by the Porcupine,
swung around to Dawson in a huge
semi-circle. The new one is laid out on
straight lines. Craigie made the journey
to Dawson from the new pass in four
days. He was the first white man ever
to cross it. The Indians were in ignor-
ance of its existence. The new crossing
has been named the Seela Pass.

Arranging Hospital Treat.—Friends
of the inmates of the Marine hospital
are desirous of arranging that they be
given a pleasant Christmas time this
year. The inmates of the hospital are
few this year so a very small sum
would give them something either to
amuse or to add to their comfort. A
few chairs in which a sick man could
rest without being obliged to sit perfect-
ly upright, or a couple of small tables,
or a plain, which could be
moved to the bedside or the stove;
a few games to occupy the convalescent
and relieve the long evenings of mon-
otony; a warm garment or two would
materially add to the few comforts with
which a benevolent government has so
liberally furnished this institution.

Despondent Hotel Man.—Mr. W. Ben-
son, proprietor of the Arlington hotel,
Nanaimo, became despondent last
Wednesday owing to poor business and
unpaid bills and tried to hang himself.
Finding no success of that he
took rough on rats, and as soon as Jack
Hamilton, who works for Benson, dis-
covered what he had done, he gave him
a good-sized dose of mustard and milk
and in a few minutes the rough on rats
came up and in an hour or two Benson
was better. Then he started for Nanaimo
saying he would be back next day.
As he failed to show up Hamilton fol-
lowed him only to find that Benson had
left for parts unknown. Benson is well
known in Nanaimo having at one time
been bartender in a well known hotel
there.

Dr. Pope's School.—As will have been
observed from the advertisement which
has been appearing in the Colonist, Dr.
Pope has decided to open a private
school in the northern end of the city.
It is Dr. Pope's intention to open his
school early in January, and the cur-
riculum will be similar to that followed
in the city's public schools. Advanced
subjects such as Latin, French, geo-
metry and algebra will also be taught as
special subjects, but children in the ju-
nior grades will also be eligible to at-
tend. Dr. Pope's reputation as an edu-
cationalist is too well known in the pro-
vince to call for any extended notice here,
but it may be said that the opening of
his school provides a remarkably fine op-
portunity for the brilliant and ambitious
student to go ahead under the guidance
of a man who is second to none in his
profession in the Dominion.

Organ Recital.—At St. John's church,
on Sunday evening, at the conclusion of
the service at which the Ven. Archde-
acon Scriven, in the absence of the bish-
op, was the preacher, giving a clever
discourse on the teaching of the Advent
season, the third of the series of Ad-
vent organ recitals was given by Mr.
A. Longfield, who gave Guilmant's Cho-
rus in D for his first number and a
hymn of Adoration by Richmond. At
his second, and took part in an organ
duet with his son, Mr. Jesse Longfield,
which was the first organ duet ever
played in this church. Vocal numbers
were given by Miss McKenzie, who sang
"Angels Ever Bright and Fair," a
very effective number. Miss Selkirk
sang a fine soprano voice was heard to great ad-
vantage in Gomod's song of "Ruth," of
which she gave a fine interpretation, and
also took part in a duet with Miss D.
Sells, their voices blending well to-
gether. Mr. Gibson sang "The Better Land,"
and being the possessor of a good tenor
voice was able to do justice to this fa-
vorite solo. Another popular solo,
"Abide With Me," by S. D. Sells, was
given in a most artistic and devotional
manner by Mr. J. G. Brown, and Mr.
Jesse Longfield gave a viola solo in
a manner that brought out the full rich-
ness of the seldom heard instrument.
A good effect. The church was again
crowded to its utmost capacity in an-
ticipation of the service and the recital.
The last of the series will be given next Sunday.

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AT THE
White House
THESE DAYS

To Erect Residence.—Mrs. J. L. Ray-
mour contemplates the erection of a hand-
some residence at the head of Stanley
avenue, near Cadboro Bay road, the
sale of the site being effected by Messrs.
Grant & Conyers.

IN CHAMBERS.

Yesterday Chief Justice Hunter heard
the following summons cases in cham-
bers:
Flora Cameron Fraser, deceased, re.
Mr. Fell applied for letters of adminis-
tration. Order made.

MOTIONS.

Green Worlock Estate, re. Mr. Law-
son, solicitor for the estate, applied to
confirm sale of certain lands formerly
part of the estate. Order made.
Pacific Towing and Lightage Com-
pany vs. Morris, was also before the
Chief Justice.

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las street, and inspect the new Browning
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rived.

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Nut crackers, cork screws, roast pans,
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Young Conservative Club.—There will be a general meeting of this club held on Wednesday next at 8 p. m. at the new club room, over Westcott House, new store on Yates street. All members will please attend.

A Fine Quilt.—In the windows of Messrs. Schell's furniture store a valuable crazy quilt, which is to be sold for the purpose of augmenting the funds for the erection of a Lutheran church, is on exhibition. The quilt was made by the ladies of the "Maria Martha Frauen Verein" of the church.

The Orpheum.—The Ryersons will appear every night and Wednesday matinee. Miss Ryerson will be placed in a hypnotic sleep at the Orpheum theatre today at noon, and will remain asleep until 8 o'clock in the evening, when she will be awakened on the stage.

Recinental Banquet.—On Friday evening next No. 5 Company, Fifth Regiment, C. A., will hold their annual banquet. The affair promises to be a very interesting one and the committee having the arrangements in charge are sparing no pains to get up a good programme to follow the dinner.

Port Angeles Railway.—The Port Angeles railway project is in trouble. A receiver has just been appointed for two insolvent corporations, the Smith-Mastick Construction Company and the Elmhurst Logging Company, which are auxiliary concerns of the Port Angeles railway enterprise. The petition for a receiver shows the liabilities of the Smith-Mastick Construction Company to be \$55,000 and the Elmhurst Logging Company to be \$38,000.

A Smooth Game.—A number of bunko men are working in Seattle in a unique bunko game. One is attired as a messenger, and he delivers express packages supposed to be Christmas gifts. On this card he has a large red seal "Northern Pacific Express." Each package is done up in brown paper, tied with a string and sealed with wax. On the one side is the name and address of the party to whom it is presented, and on the other side is a large found large blue pencil marks. One of these denotes that the charges on the package are not paid, and they have been running all the way from \$1 to \$2.

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Natural History Society Meeting

Death of Many of the Feathered Songsters in the Park Discussed.

Able Paper By E. Baynes Reed on Aurora Polaris Read..

There was a well attended meeting of the Natural History Society last evening. Among the subjects discussed was the fatality among the song birds recently imported. All the robins are dead and a number of the goldfinches have succumbed. It is a question whether they should be liberated and allowed to take chances in the open or new aviaries in sunnier aspects provided. Mr. J. H. Anderson was deputed to make enquiries in Oregon as to the acclimatization of birds in Oregon and California, and further steps were left to the bird committee, which has power to act in its discretion. Feeling reference was made to the recent death of Dr. Gilbert Kirk, for some time resident at Esquimalt and well known in this city. The deceased had been an active member of the Natural History Society while stationed here and his death was a painful surprise to the members, by whom he was greatly esteemed. Death occurred as the result of blood poisoning following an operation at Haslar hospital, Hampshire. The secretary was instructed to write to the bereaved widow conveying expressions of condolence from the members of the society. After some discussion of the bill framed by the government for the protection of birds, Mr. Baynes Reed, superintendent of the meteorological station, read his paper on "Aurora Polaris." It had been very carefully prepared and dealt exhaustively with observed phenomena. At the close of the paper considerable discussion ensued, and Mr. Reed was the recipient of a very hearty vote of thanks for his interesting address.

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Bad Crossing.—There is one street crossing in Victoria which, from its locality and the length of time it has been permitted to remain in its present condition, speaks volumes for the free and easy manner in which some of the minor details of civic affairs are looked after. During the past three or four months, or as often as it rains (and it does rain here sometimes) there has been a good sized pond of water extending over the right of way of all pedestrians at the southern intersection of Douglas and Yates streets. Gentlemen make a jump and clear it, while ladies make a detour to avoid, but the pool is there just as often as it rains, and a few shovelfuls of gravel judiciously applied would remedy the matter. Truly Victorians are a long-suffering and a patient people.

The Police Court.—In the Police court yesterday morning one, Hugh McKay, was fined \$2.50 and costs for drunkenness. While he was held at the police station he was the victim of a peculiar accident. He yawned, and his jaws refused to close. A doctor was summoned, and was about to chloroform the unfortunate man, when his jaws relaxed and he shut his mouth. The case brought by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals against Chas. Cooper, who is accused of plucking a chicken without killing the bird, was again remanded. Hip Ho, a Chinese, who refused to pay his revenue tax, was ordered to pay the same and \$4.50 costs or go to jail for ten days. The two Chinese arrested for keeping a gambling house in the recent raid in Chinatown, will appear for trial this morning.


One More Gone.—As will be noted in the telegraphic columns, another of the old pioneers of the province has gone to his last resting place in the person of John E. Jenkins, more popularly known as "Jack" Jenkins, who was for years proprietor of the "Old Flag Saloon" in Nanaimo. "Jack" was about 64 years of age. He came to the province in about the year 1861, and early engaged in business in Nanaimo, establishing himself in the "Old Flag Saloon." On the death of the late Pete Steele, who conducted for many years what was known as "Pete Steele's" saloon, "Jack" came down and took over the business, but he soon re-established his own place, and was suffering from a partial stroke of paralysis, and this, with other infirmities due to old age, were no doubt the immediate cause of his demise. Wm. Harrison yesterday evening received notice of the passing of "Old Jack," and the Pioneer Society of British Columbia will attend to the funeral arrangements.

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Annual Meeting Womens' Council

Ninth Yearly Gathering Was Held
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The ninth annual meeting of the local Council of Women took place in the city hall yesterday. Miss Perrin, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read.

The treasurer gave her report which was adopted. Mrs. McGreggor gave a very interesting report of the Friendly Help Society, showing the many women who have been assisted by the association, and the thoroughness of the investigation of each individual application for help.

Mrs. McLagan, provincial vice president of the Council of Women, was here introduced by the president.

Mrs. William Grant gave a full report of the work accomplished by the committee on domestic science. The school has been thoroughly equipped by the society and instruction on domestic science is now being given. The amount which was required for the equipment has been fully raised and the school is out of debt.

The reports of the affiliated societies were then heard.

It was then moved and seconded that Miss Jenkins be nominated as school committee on behalf of the local Council of Women. Carried unanimously.

The following resolution was moved and seconded: "That the executive of the Council of Women, take the necessary steps to secure the enforcement of the curfew by-law."

The meeting then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The afternoon session of the Women's Council opened promptly at 2 p. m. President Miss Perrin in the chair.

After reading minutes of the morning session Miss Perrin delivered the annual address to the council, which was listened to by the members and delegates with the closest attention.

Mrs. Spofford moved and Mrs. Jenkins seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Perrin for her excellent address.

The following resolution was introduced by the Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church:

"Resolved, that home industries should be patronized in preference to imported goods, prices and quality being equal, and that steps be taken to secure the same." After fully discussing the question the resolution was unanimously carried.

Mrs. McLagan then gave an excellent report of the meeting of the national council held in Toronto.

The hour having arrived to receive a deputation from the school board, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Jay, Mr. Boggs and Supt. Mr. Eaton were introduced and Miss Perrin in a neat speech expressed the pleasure it afforded the council to be able on this occasion to transfer the equipment of domestic science to the School Board, and Mrs. William Grant, treasurer of the council, handed to Trustee Jay an envelope neatly tied with ribbon of the council colors, the trustees present expressing their pleasure at the practical result of the offer made by the council to the board less than a year ago and suggested the

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Without stopping to don clothes, he ran, almost naked, to the engine room and deftly swung the crank which closed the bulkhead doors. Thanks to the cool, brave work of the officer the inrushing water was stopped by the close water-tight doors, and although it took a very long time to get the engine room and its pumps which were soon afterwards used to dry the submerged afterpart when the divers had closed the scuttles and open ports, were not damaged. Meanwhile the stokers in the fire rooms had felt the shock which shivered the ship, and as can be imagined, they were at first in a state of confusion. But the cool voice of the officer who closed the bulkhead doors, and the fact that the ship was not otherwise in danger, soon brought them to their senses. They were soon afterwards ordered to close the doors of the engine room, and the ship was not damaged.

The Flora is badly damaged, and as she lies in the dry dock—although the copper and wooden sheathing hides the broken plates and the rusted water-tight doors, there are a series of waterlines streaked obliquely on her after part which mark the different positions in which she lay as the submerged bulkhead doors were closed. The line which shows up suggestively showing where the tide flowed against her as the stern lay ten feet below the water until the lowest line which the surface of the water reached, and had closed all the open scuttles and ports, and the pumps had freed her, there is a series of waterlines, gray and rust-stained, which mark the phases of her position as the work of the divers in closing the scuttles and the work of the big pumps brought up the afterpart and allowed of the Grafton handling her free.

There are two holes some thirty feet from the bow on the starboard side, and the scarping sheathing and splintered wood-work right along from the bow to amidships, mostly on this side to which she lay, is suggestive of holes. The holes are about thirty feet back from the bow. Many plates will doubtless have to come out, some to be renewed, others to be straightened, although the survey work has not yet demonstrated the extent of the damage. It will involve some time, though, spent on the blocks in the dry dock, where the cruiser now rests—a time variously estimated at from two to four months.

The cruiser left Union Bay on Saturday afternoon under her own steam, and saved for the watermarks and the general begrimed and rusty appearance, the only marks to show that the vessel had been lying for seven days on the rocks, was the suggestive scarping and splintering of the bow. This, covering the holes below, was fastened by lines to the dock. Until the time the vessel entered the dry dock some of the officers' quarters were still under water, everything being destroyed. The officers' quarters are in a sad state. Book cases have been swollen and destroyed, beds and furniture, and all the naval men from cooked hats to photographs, have been utterly ruined. The clothes of many have been lost, and since the wreck they have been in the hands of the naval men.

Much ammunition and stores, accessories, etc., have been also ruined, and it is probable that the marines will require new tunics as a result. The loss in this manner it is difficult to estimate.

After repairs are completed it is understood that she is to cruise south to meet H. M. S. Bonaventure, which was commissioned at Plymouth on December 1st, to relieve H. M. S. Albatross at Esquimalt.

Meanwhile Rear Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., who was to have left for England, will remain until after the court martial for the officers and officers of the Flora, which has been set for the holding of the flag on the Grafton and the ringing of the bell to convene the court martial for the trial of these officers.

EXTREMELY AWKWARD FOR THE PROFESSOR.

In 1890, Mommsen, the famous German professor and classical historian, was arrested and locked up for hours by the Berlin police. He got into this difficulty through an invitation he received to attend a reception given by the present Emperor William.

On the night of the reception the street that leads to the castle was closed to all save the guests of the Emperor, all of whom, with the exception of Mommsen, arrived in carriages. The famous historian, whose manner of living exemplified his democratic principles, rode into Berlin from Charlottenburg on a car. Upon alighting from the car, Mommsen pressed his way through the throng. In a few minutes he came to the police line, and without hesitation started to pass on. He was promptly seized by a policeman and pushed back. It was too much for the old man's temper. "Taking the book that he carried with him, he beat a tattoo with it on the policeman's head. 'You ignorant Russian!' exclaimed the historian, using the term of extreme contempt among Prussians; 'you ignorant Russian what do you mean by seizing me?' Mommsen. 'I'm old Mommsen, I tell you—Mommsen, Mommsen, Mommsen!' The policeman, dodging the further play of the book, looked at the old man's battered face and seedy overcoat, and decided that he was a crank. Two hours later the Emperor received word that his missing guest was in the lock-up.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION

OF M. S. WILSON

Court Adjourns to Residence of
Party-Plaintiff in Hopper
vs Dunsmuir Case.

The cross-examination of the witness, M. S. Wilson, attorney-at-law, of San Francisco, occupied the whole sitting in the Supreme court yesterday. The court adjourned at about 3 o'clock to Craigdarroch, the residence of the party plaintiff, where Mrs. Dunsmuir's evidence was taken.

Mr. Bodwell, K. C., continuing the cross-examination, asked Wilson to take up the matter of Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's state of health at the time the negotiations pending the signing of the agreement were going on. Witness stated that he thought Mrs. Dunsmuir was good for four or five years. Asked to explain reference, in direct examination, to jump sum, stated that this was in addition to \$25,000 yearly allowance. James Dunsmuir was not to give half profits in San Francisco business until the debt owing by the business was paid. No time for payment of debt named in agreement, but James Dunsmuir agreed verbally to pay it off in about two years. Witness did not think Dunsmuir only promised this because he, James, was sure Mrs. Alexander would not live out that time. Asked by Mr. Bodwell why did witness advise Mrs. Dunsmuir not to consent to a suit when he knew, by acting for James Dunsmuir in his official capacity as executor, that his firm could not contest a will which the firm had been advised to prepare, witness replied that, having been retained to act for the executor and to resist an attack, if any such were made, he was willing to advise Mrs. Dunsmuir, but, of course, could not conduct the case for her, although all that he claimed for the plaintiff had a strong case. Refused to answer whether he told Mrs. Dunsmuir in the event of a suit that James Dunsmuir would take away the San Francisco business. Witness admitted extracting all information possible from James Dunsmuir to assist the case of Mrs. Dunsmuir. Never heard of the will until February, 1900. Witness stated that he explained to Mrs. Dunsmuir that, by the terms of the agreement, she forever forfeited all rights to participate in the British Columbia property of her late husband.

The court then adjourned for lunch. After lunch the cross-examination was continued. Witness stated that neither he nor his chief clerk, Mr. Lovell, went to San Leandro from day to day. Mr. Lovell did go there on Sundays, but it was to look after interests of estate. Did not draw up Mrs. Dunsmuir's will in August, 1900. Witness admitted having heard that Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir intended setting up a claim for Alexander's estate, although she was not sure from whom. Had been told that James Dunsmuir held controlling interest in business in San Francisco and also in British Columbia.

In fixing the annuity on the estate for Mrs. Dunsmuir, the appraiser had only one fact to go on by California law, viz., age of annuitant, and annuity was fixed from insurance tables of expectation of life of person aged 51, immaterial of state of health. Did not make provision for ill-health. Witness gave the facts of age to the appraiser, who called at his office to obtain them.

He directly examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., witness explained legacy of books left to his son by Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir. Stated that the San Francisco business assets consisted of real estate valued at \$300,000, which could not be moved from there. Stated that will cases in California were tried before jury, and he thought that similar cases tried in British courts were tried before bench of judges. Gave dates of interviews with both Mrs. Alexander and Mr. James Dunsmuir in November and December, 1900.

The court then adjourned to Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsmuir's residence. The case will be taken up this morning at 10.30.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 14.—8 p. m.
SYNOPSIS.

An extensive storm area which has been hovering off the coast for several days is spreading eastward, and is causing a southerly gale on the coast from Oregon to Vancouver Island, and a general rainfall west of the Cascades. The weather is mild from the coast to the Rockies.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	41	47
New Westminster	34	44
Kamloops	22	38
Barkerville	20	34
Dawson	20	34
Calgary	10	32
Winnipeg	10	2
Portland, Ore.	40	44
San Francisco	50	54

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)
Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity. Easterly to southerly winds, increasing in force on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, mild and rainy. Lower Mainland: Easterly or southerly winds, cloudy, mild and rainy.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13.
Deg. Mean. Deg.
5 a. m. 45 Noon 47 Highest 48
Lowest 41 The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m. 16 miles southwest.
Noon 4 miles south.
5 p. m. 4 miles east.
Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—0.1 inch.
Sunshine—2 hours 48 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.218
Corrected.....30.251

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Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....30.20

MONDAY, DEC. 14.
Deg. Mean. Deg.
5 a. m. 42 Noon 45 Highest 47
Lowest 41 The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m. 4 miles north.
Noon 2 miles east.
5 p. m. 4 miles northeast.
Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—2.1 inches.
Sunshine—30 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.980
Corrected.....30.013

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